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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1652
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: NOVEL RHODOCOCCUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL HYDRATASE
GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCUS BACTERIUM, AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING THEM

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a petition for extension of time of one month, making this Amendment due on or before January 10, 2005 (January 9, 2005 being a Sunday). Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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